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Respectfully,

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xmlns:w=3D"urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:word"
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st1\.*{behavior:url(#default#ieooui) }
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<![endif]-->
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/* Style Definitions */
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font-size:12.0pt;
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font-family:"Times New Roman";}
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{color:blue;
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text-decoration:underline;}
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a:visited, span.MsoHyperlinkFollowed  
{color:purple;  
text-decoration:underline;}

span.EmailStyle17  
{mso-style-type:personal-compose;  
font-family:Arial;  
color:windowtext;}

@page Section1  
{size:8.5in 11.0in;  
margin:1.0in 1.25in 1.0in 1.25in;}

div.Section1  
{page:Section1;}

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</style>

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style=3D'font-size:10.0pt;  
font-family:Arial'>&lt;NAME&gt; Robert L.  
Abbott<o:p></o:p></span></font></p>

<p class=3DMsoNormal><font size=3D2 face=3DArial><span style=3D'font-size:10.0pt; font-family:Arial'>&lt;ADDRESS1&gt; 29878 <st1:City w:st=3D'on"><st1:place w:st=3D'on">Aspen</st1:place></st1:City> Lane<o:p></o:p></span></font></p>

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